

Market Street Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Project Expanding this Winter

Winter 2025-26 – Bridge work and extensive utility relocations will continue this winter as construction crews expand the work area to include operations on the Market Street and Walnut Street bridges, plus the detour a section of 30th Street, all part of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) \$148.9 million project to rehabilitate or replace the bridges that carry Market Street over Interstate 76, the Schuylkill River, the Schuylkill River Trail, and CSX Railroad in Center City Philadelphia.

Construction activities beneath the Market Street Bridge will continue until mid-2026. That work requires the overnight closure of westbound I-76 (Schuylkill Expressway) overnight on Sundays through Thursdays until June. Traffic is using a short detour onto Schuylkill Avenue back to the ramps to I-76 west and Interstate 676 east.

Continuing utility work will require that 30th Street be closed and detoured on the west side of 30th Street Station between JFK Boulevard and Market Street beginning in February.

Work crews also will begin activities on the Market Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River and on the nearby Walnut Street river crossing that will impact pedestrians and motorists. Market Street work includes structural repairs and utility work (Market Street). Walnut Street activities will include expansion joint and beam bearing replacements.

Off-peak lane closures will be in place on both bridges during this work. The crossings will remain available to pedestrians with a sidewalk on each bridge remaining open at all times.

Although work on the Market Street bridges will ramp-up in 2026, the Market Street corridor will remain open during the U.S. 250th Anniversary Celebrations next summer.

The entire project is expected to take at least four years to complete.

Market Street will remain two lanes in each direction daily during peak hours. Bicyclists will be detoured to the existing bicycle network on Chestnut and Walnut streets.

Under this contract,

- The superstructure on the Market Street bridge over Amtrak and Interstate 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) near 30th Street will be replaced.
- The deteriorated deck and sidewalks of the Market Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River will be replaced.
- The four-span Market Street bridge over the Schuylkill River Trail and CSX Railroad on the east side of the river will be replaced.
- A two-way bicycle lane with concrete separators will be installed and connected to the existing bicycle facilities at 23rd Street. A bicycle signal will be installed at Market Street and Schuylkill Avenue West.
- Preservation improvements will be made to the Walnut Street Bridge over the Schuylkill River, and Walnut Street will be repaved between 33rd and 22nd streets.
- A parking-separated bicycle lane will be installed on Walnut Street from 33rd Street to 22nd Street.
- Modifications and upgrades also will be made to traffic signals, signing and lighting in the project area.

Buckley & Company Inc., of Philadelphia, is the general contractor. The entire project, financed with 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funds.

For more information, please visit the [Market Street Bridges project page](#)